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NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS DOWN 4.0% IN NOVEMBER

NEW YORK, Feb. 26--New business incorporations in November decreased 4.0 percent to 48,098 from 50,121 in November 1985, according to The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

In the first 11 months of 1986, new incorporations totaled 633,810, an increase of 4.6 percent over the 604,579 new incorporations in the same period a year ago.

"The number of new incorporations in November registered a modest decline, due partly to entrepreneurs' uncertainty over tax reform. Year-to-date levels, however, remain ahead of last year," said Joseph W. Duncan, corporate economist and chief statistician of The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

Of the 39 states reporting year-to-date increases in the first 11 months of 1986, 10 increased 10 percent or more. The largest increases in new incorporations occurred in Maine, up 15.7 percent to 2,724 from 2,354; Connecticut, up 15.1 percent to 11,379 from 9,886; and North Dakota, up 14.7 percent to 875 from 763. The states recording the

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sharpest losses were Alaska, down 22.7 percent to 1,559; New Mexico, down 15.7 percent to 2,200; and South Carolina, down 15.3 percent to 5,582.

Eight of the nation's nine U.S. Bureau of the Census regions reported year-to-year increases in new incorporations for the first 11 months of 1986. The largest regional gains were in the New England states, up 10.0 percent; the Middle Atlantic states, up 7.0 percent; and the South Atlantic states, up 6.9 percent. The only region to decline was the West South Central, down 5.0 percent.

Month of November

Compared with year-ago levels, 17 states registered decreases of more than 10 percent in November. The states with the greatest declines were Connecticut, down 49.8 percent to 709; New Mexico, down 33.0 percent to 177; and New Hampshire, down 30.0 percent to 203. Of the 17 states reporting annual increases, significant gains were reported in Arkansas, up 32.6 percent to 407; Delaware, up 29.5 percent to 2,707; and Georgia, up 24.6 percent to 1,110.

Eight of the nation's nine U.S. Bureau of the Census regions recorded decreases in new incorporations over the comparable 1985 period. The largest drops were in the New England states, down 25.2 percent and the West North Central states, down 11.2 percent. The only region to increase was the South Atlantic, up 6.7 percent.

New York reported the largest number of new incorporations in November with 5,481, followed by Florida with 5,238; California with 4,873; and Delaware with 2,707. On a percentage basis, new incorporations in New York and California decreased, down 5.2 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively. New incorporations in Florida and Delaware increased, up 3.5 percent and 29.5 percent, respectively.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, 56,453 new incorporations were recorded in November, 0.2 percent more than the 56,316 new incorporations reported in November 1985.

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(See Attached Tables)

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

			% Change Oct. 1986		% Change Nov. 1985	-Total Eleven Months-		% Change 11 Months '85-'86
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	1986	1985	
NEW ENGLAND	2,558 E	3,459 R	-26.0	3,418	-25.2	37,479 E	34,082	10.0
Maine	246 E	224 R	9.8	216	13.9	2,724 E	2,354	15.7
New Hampshire	203	312	-34.9	290	-30.0	3,387	3,180	6.5
Vermont	95	149	-36.2	129	-26.4	1,593	1,569	1.5
Massachusetts	1,086	1,512	-28.2	1,165	-6.8	15,262	14,330	6.5
Connecticut	709	976	-27.4	1,412	-49.8	11,379	9,886	15.1
Rhode Island	219	286	-23.4	206	6.3	3,134	2,763	13.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	9,097	10,958	-17.0	9,485	-4.1	118,158	110,399	7.0
New York	5,481	6,583	-16.7	5,781	-5.2	69,618	66,171	5.2
New Jersey	2,175	2,719	-20.0	2,318	-6.2	30,154	28,030	7.6
Pennsylvania	1,441	1,656	-13.0	1,386	4.0	18,386	16,198	13.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	5,802	6,874	-15.6	6,275	-7.5	76,699	74,339	3.2
Ohio	1,244	1,451	-14.3	1,361	-8.6	16,723	15,852	5.5
Indiana	677	920	-26.4	743	-8.9	9,522	8,907	6.9
Illinois	1,814	2,211	-18.0	1,985 R	-8.6	23,969	23,700	1.1
Michigan	1,669	1,756	-5.0	1,683	-0.8	20,554	19,956	3.0
Wisconsin	398	536	-25.7	503	-20.9	5,931	5,924	0.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	2,058	2,778	-25.9	2,317	-11.2	30,383	29,605	2.6
Minnesota	578	785	-26.4	672	-14.0	8,599	8,269	4.0
Iowa	232	358	-35.2	299	-22.4	3,837	3,747	2.4
Missouri	718	918	-21.8	739	-2.8	10,084	9,289	8.6
North Dakota	66	79	-16.5	66	0.0	875	763	14.7
South Dakota	63	76	-17.1	71	-11.3	875	860	1.7
Nebraska	160	206	-22.3	176	-9.1	2,342	2,399	-2.4
Kansas	241	356	-32.3	294	-18.0	3,771	4,278	-11.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC	12,943 E	16,870 E	-23.3	12,133 ER	6.7	163,863 ER	153,217	6.9
Maryland	1,129	1,693	-33.3	1,303	-13.4	14,751	13,226	11.5
Delaware	2,707	2,687	0.7	2,091	29.5	26,957	23,901	12.8
Washington, DC	187 E	188 E	-0.5	187 E	0.0	2,065 E	2,012	2.6
Virginia	1,141	1,347	-15.3	1,161	-1.7	15,079	13,707	10.0
West Virginia	215	209	2.9	180	19.4	2,296	2,237	2.6
North Carolina	832	956	-13.0	874	-4.8	11,340	10,667	6.3
South Carolina	384	491	-21.8	383 R	0.3	5,582	6,587	-15.3
Georgia	1,110	1,697	-34.6	891	24.6	15,790	15,677	0.7
Florida	5,238	7,602	-31.1	5,063	3.5	70,003 R	65,203	7.4

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	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	% Changes		% Change		-Total Eleven Months-		% Change '85-'86
			Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	1986	1985	
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	1,820	2,357	-22.8	1,976 E	-7.9	24,504	23,813		2.9
Kentucky	458	674	-32.0	604	-24.2	7,036	7,205		-2.3
Tennessee	668	777	-14.0	698	-4.3	8,421	7,982		5.5
Alabama	478	585	-18.3	419	14.1	6,294	5,724		10.0
Mississippi	216	321	-32.7	255 E	-15.3	2,753	2,902		-5.1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	3,997	4,939	-19.1	4,451 R	-10.2	57,816	60,828		-5.0
Arkansas	407	299	36.1	307	32.6	5,304	4,840		9.6
Oklahoma	563	540	4.3	523 R	7.6	6,962	7,565		-8.0
Louisiana	722	1,032	-30.0	677 R	6.6	10,737	10,630		1.0
Texas	2,305	3,068	-24.9	2,944	-21.7	34,813	37,793		-7.9
MOUNTAIN	3,574	3,701	-3.4	3,656	-2.2	44,253	42,513		4.1
Montana	108	110	-1.8	92	17.4	1,290	1,275		1.2
Idaho	100	110	-9.1	126	-20.6	1,553	1,494		3.9
Wyoming	62	71	-12.7	68	-8.8	838	944		-11.2
Colorado	1,382	1,180	17.1	1,163	18.8	14,715	13,075		12.5
New Mexico	177	187	-5.3	264	-33.0	2,200	2,610		-15.7
Arizona	837	929	-9.9	1,051	-20.4	11,777	11,883		-0.9
Utah	238	309	-23.0	271	-12.2	3,514	3,375		4.1
Nevada	670	805	-16.8	621	7.9	8,366	7,857		6.5
PACIFIC	6,249 E	7,828 E	-20.2	6,410	-2.5	80,655 R	75,783		6.4
Alaska	129	129	0.0	123	4.9	1,559	2,018		-22.7
Washington	576	844	-31.8	633	-9.0	8,778	8,483		3.5
Oregon	443	614	-27.9	518	-14.5	6,519	6,495		0.4
California	4,873	6,049	-19.4	4,912	-0.8	61,200	56,017		9.3
Hawaii	228 E	192 E	18.8	224	1.8	2,599 R	2,770		-6.2
TOTAL U. S. (unadjusted)	48,098 E-P	59,764 E-P	-19.5	50,121 ER	-4.0	633,810 ER	604,579		4.8
TOTAL U.S. (seasonally adjusted)	56,453 P	57,190 P	-1.3	56,316 R	0.2				

E = Estimated - California provided estimated figures for July & August on 10/6/86 and for September on 10/30/86.
P = Preliminary

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